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State Smoke-Free Air Law Stills Applies in Evansville

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (Feb. 11) – Earlier today, the Indiana Supreme Court invalidated an Evansville ordinance that expanded the city's prohibition on smoking to bars, restaurants and fraternal clubs.

Indiana's statewide Smoke-Free Air Law, which took effect July 1, 2012, is unaffected by today's ruling.

Establishments that are no longer prohibited from allowing smoking as a result of today's ruling must still comply with the state smoking law. In particular, all of the appropriate signs must be posted, and an exemption form must be filed with the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission's enforcement division, the Indiana State Excise Police, prior to allowing smoking. Fraternal and social clubs who want to allow smoking must first vote to allow smoking at the club.

To expedite the inspections done by the State Excise Police, completed exemption forms (found online at: http://in.gov/atc/files/Smoking_Ban_Exception_Form_Jan2013.pdf) can be hand-delivered or mailed directly to the District 5 office at 3650 S. U.S. 41, Vincennes, Ind. 47591. Those filing the forms are asked to provide contact information to facilitate quick inspections by the State Excise Police.

Signs required by the statewide Smoke-Free Air Law can be found online at: <http://in.gov/atc/2476.htm>.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.